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C O N F I D E N T I A L MEXICO 3122

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TAGS: ELAB, MX

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF THE ICFTU

1. A RELIABLE SOURCE SAID THAT FIDEL VELAZQUEZ, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CONFEDERATION OF MEXICAN WORKERS (CTM) WILL ATTEND THE MARCH 11-12 MEETING OF THE ICFTU EXECUTIVE BOARD IN BRUSSELS AS WILL AGUSTO MALAVE OF VENEZUELA AND JULIO ECHEVERRY OF ORIT. MARCH 10 WILL BE DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF ORIT AFFAIRS WITH SUBJECT OF REVISED ORIT CONSTITUTION AND DATE OF 1976 EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS HAVING PRIORITY. FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON CTM HAS ASKED THAT AUGUST 1976H XTRA-ORDINARY CONGRESS BE POSTPONED UNTIL SOMETIME IN 1977. VELEZUELANS HAVE ASKED THAT ORIT CONSTITUTION BE CHANGED ALLOWING FOR REGIONAL DIVISION OF ORGANIZATION WITH EACH HAVING ITS OWN OFFICE: NORTH AMERICA INCLUDING MEXICO AND PUERTO RICO; CENTRAL AMERICA CARIBBEAN AND NORTH-SOUTH AMERICA AND LASTLY, SOUTHERN SOUTH AMERICA. AFOREMENTIONED SOURCE BELIEVES THAT THE MEXICANS ARE UPSET OVER THIS CTV PROPOSAL.

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2. COMMENT: SOMETHING IMPORTANT MUST BE BOTHERING THE MEXICAN

CTM TO HAVE VELAZQUEZ TRAVEL TO BRUSSELS. POSTPONING THE ORIT
CONGRESS UNTIL 1977 AFTER AGREEING TO AN AUGUST 1976 DATE AT
AN ORIT MEETING IN JANUARY 1976 SEEMS STRANGE. EMBASSY MEXICO
REQUESTS BRUSSELS TO WATCH FOR ANSWER TO THIS PUZZLING
REVERSAL BY CTM. PERHAPS ANSWER HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH
POST-ELECTION ACTIVITY JULY 4, 1976), OF MEXICAN CTM
CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES.
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